

**ABSTRACT**

A system for identifying and extracting text in a distributed processing environment is disclosed. The invention comprises a client computer coupled to a  
5 network and including a browser, a server computer coupled to the network, and information associated with a user of the client computer, where a destination service presented by the server computer to the user obtains portions of text in the information. The destination service may access the text by using a code portion that is sent to the user's computer and that is used to identify information relating to the  
10 user. Alternatively, the destination service may use a server to directly access the information specific to the user. Once the text information associated with the user is identified, the destination service may employ optical character recognition (OCR) to obtain the text information, or may request a text rendition of the internal representation of an indicated region of a graphic that includes the desired text.